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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Huang, et al.

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For: Method and Apparatus for
Treating Low K Dielectric Layers
to Reduce Diffusion§
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Examiner: M. Lebentritt

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 13, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 13, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/4180.Y1/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.